

WJZ-TV
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to Viacom Inc., is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, 60 MINUTES II, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's medical reporter, Kellye Lynn, discusses health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

CONSUMER

January 2: Wireless Routers - Internet pirates are now running a new scam. They're picking up unsecured wireless Internet signals and using them to commit cyber crimes under your name.

January 3: Cell Phone Virus - Viruses usually only affect computers, but two viruses have now been found in mobile phones.

January 4: Holiday Debt - Newly released figures show shoppers spent 220 billion dollars this holiday season.

January 4: Airline Price Wars - Delta is introducing a new low fare program, aimed at keeping them out of bankruptcy. It's called "simplifares" and claims it will cut ticket prices by as much as 60 percent on domestic flights.

January 5: Swing Recall - Two Step Company is recalling more than 9 thousand toddler swings because the straps could break, causing children to fall.

January 6: Electronics Show - Companies from around the country are showing off the latest gadgets and gizmos, at the 2005 consumer electronics show.

January 6: Canada Internet Drugs - Canadian health officials will soon urge the government to ban internet sales of prescription drugs to U.S. consumers.

January 10: Schwan's Food Company is recalling thousands of frozen egg rolls, spring rolls, taco and pizza twists. They may contain glass fragments.

January 11: State Farm car insurance customers across the country and here in Maryland are eligible for a share of a multi-million dollar settlement. State Farm admits they failed to note on the titles when a vehicle was totaled in an accident.

January 26: You may have to show a photo identification to buy over the counter medicines like Sudafed and Tylenol Flu. That's because a dozen Republican and Democratic senators are proposing legislation to put the drugs behind the counter, because many contain pseudoephedrine, the main ingredients used to make methamphetamines.

January 28: Ford is recalling nearly 800 thousand pick-ups and SUV's because of reports of fires. The problem is a cruise control switch.

January 28: Engineers at a major tire company are working on a new tire model that will make a flat tire obsolete.

January 28: Growing concern about safety of All Terrain vehicles. Government stats show more people than ever are being killed and injured on them.

January 28: Consumer products giant Procter and Gamble is buying the leading maker of men's shaving supplies, Gillette. It's a 57 billion dollar merger. P&G has a division in Maryland.

January 30: Plans to protect the environment are now on the drawing board. GM and Shell just forged a partnership to conduct experiments on hydrogen-fueled cars.

January 31: The multi-billion dollar agreement will make SBC the biggest phone carrier in the U.S. when they merge with AT&T.

February 1: United Airlines Employees are helping the struggling company. Flight attendants and pilots have just approved new contracts, which include a pay cut of nearly 10 percent.

February 1: A consumer watchdog group is raising the red flag about Celebrex. The group claims Pfizer acknowledged patients taking Celebrex had a four times risk of heart attack than those taking a placebo. The group wants Celebrex and similar drugs pulled from the shelves.

February 2: Auto safety experts found that heavy objects in the trunk of a car could crash through the back seat, causing serious injury or even death to a back seat passenger.

February 2: Most consumers don't know that many gift cards have hidden service charges and expiration dates. The Maryland State Senate is considering a bill to prohibit them.

February 3: A warning for some local consumers after a potentially disastrous mistake is made at a Harford County gas station. A gas tank driver accidentally pumped 500 gallons of premium gas into a kerosene tank at SRI fuels on South Philadelphia Road in Aberdeen.

February 7: Coca Cola plans to introduce a diet coke drink that's sweetened with splenda instead of nutrasweet.

February 8: According to the Farm Bureau consumers will only have to work 37 days to earn their annual food budget.

February 10: American Airlines says it will no longer pass out pillows on board their shorter domestic flights. The pillows will be available for those traveling coast to coast.

February 12: Maryland home prices rise and realtors say there's no end in sight to the skyrocketing prices.

February 14: Another telephone industry mega merger is in the works. Verizon will buy MCI for 6.7 million dollars.

February 14: Experts say children are top heavy and can easily tip over in bath seats. They say the products should only be used with strict adult supervision.

February 16: A new government test reveals your height could play a critical role if you're involved in an accident with side air bag deployment.

February 16: The FDA is responding to criticism it dropped the ball on not exposing the dangers to drugs in the market place.

February 17: Starbucks coffee is launching its first alcoholic drink, a coffee liqueur. The drink will be sold in restaurants, bars, and liquor stores but not in coffee houses. Starbucks coffee liqueur is 40 proof and will sell for about 23 dollars.

February 18: State of NJ filed suit against Blockbuster, claiming Blockbuster doesn't tell customers that late rentals are converted to sales on the 8th day after they are due.

February 24: Choicepoint acknowledges that thieves got access to their records, including credit reports and social security numbers. This involves nearly 3,000 people in Maryland.

February 24: Center for Science in the Public Health is filing suit against the FDA claiming the agency failed to regulate salt content in processed foods.

February 28: Federated Department Stores which owns Macy's and Bloomindales, has agreed to buy rival May Dept Stores which operates Filenes, Marshall Fields and Lord and Taylor. The 11 billion dollar deal could phase out the Filenes name.

March 3: Video game ratings are getting an upgrade. They are adding a new category to protect children under 10 from seeing certain kids of violence.

March 3: The IRS says refunds have jumped this year by an average of 200 dollars.

March 4: Eyewitness News reports on a dramatic increase in cost of diesel fuel.

March 7: A new round of tests give most small cars a poor rating on crash tests.

March 11: McDonald's is testing the use of remote call centers to handle drive-thru orders. Call centers would process orders faster and cut down on the number of mistakes at drive-thru windows.

March 14: More and more restaurants and businesses are using cell phone jammers to prevent customers from chatting on the phone inside their establishments.

March 16: New security cameras measures to be taken in the wake of a fatal shooting inside a mall-parking garage.

March 17: A federal appeals court in Richmond rules in favor of consumers. The court revived 5 lawsuits claiming the cell phone industry has failed to educate consumers about unsafe levels of radiation.

March 18: The parent company of CBS is a stock to watch. Viacom is thinking about splitting into 2 publicly traded companies. One would comprise its cable and film assets. The other its TV and radio units.

March 18: A new car feature may save your life. Its called electronic stability control and experts say it's the best invention since the seat belt. It keeps your car from skidding or rolling over using hi-tech sensors on each wheel.

March 18: Crude oil prices set new records at about 57 dollars a barrel and consumers are feeling the pinch. On East Coast, gas prices hit \$2.05 per gallon.

March 18: A Baltimore man takes action against Sears. He took Sears to court after he was informed that no one could come to his home to fix his washing machine during the 4-hour span he was told to be at home. He was awarded \$1.

March 22: More than 1 million Graco toddler beds are recalled because children's arms and legs may become trapped in the guardrails or foot boards.

March 22: A group of pediatric doctors meeting in Maryland today, want to ban adult sized ATV's for children under 16.

March 29: Blockbuster settles a lawsuit over its no late fees campaign. The company will pay \$630,000 to end a lawsuit by 47 states, including Maryland. The suit claims Blockbusters 7 day return policy is misleading.

EDUCATION

January 3: Eyewitness News reported on a local librarian who is helping pick this year's Newbery Medal winner for best children's book.

January 4: Eyewitness News reported on the fallout after Northeast Middle School barred students from entering the building without the school uniform.

January 6: Eyewitness News reported on the push to ensure that Carroll County High School has an improved policy for dealing with disabled students during an emergency.

January 7: Eyewitness News reported on a Walbrook High School Hall Monitor who was arrested for lighting a newspaper in the school's stairwell.

January 7: Eyewitness News reported on Baltimore area schools turning to the latest surveillance technology to improve security.

January 10: Eyewitness News reported on The University of Maryland using a \$12 million grant to create a research center to study how people become terrorists.

January 13: Eyewitness News reported on how Baltimore County Public Schools are holding activities to help victims of the Asian tsunami.

January 14: Eyewitness News reported on the latest on the trial connected to the shootings outside Randallstown High School.

January 16: Eyewitness News reported on several Baltimore high school students who are taking the 2005 Civil Rights Trip which includes stops at Morehouse College and the Rosa Parks Museum.

January 18: Eyewitness News reported on Baltimore County School's budget hearing.

January 24: Eyewitness News reported on the Maryland School Board's plans to order more nutritious foods for school lunchrooms.

January 25: Eyewitness News reported on 33 city school principals honored for gains on the Maryland School Assessment.

January 27: Eyewitness News reported on the University of Maryland's Board of Regents meets regarding a 5% cap on tuition for the next three years.

January 28: Eyewitness News reported on a 12-year-old girl who was hit by a Baltimore school bus.

January 31: Eyewitness News reported on Montessori Schools holding a Tsunami Relief Drive to aid Sri Lankan schools.

February 3: Eyewitness News reported on a news conference with University of Maryland, College Park President C.D. Mote and Governor Robert Ehrlich to announce record-breaking gifts to the university.

February 5: Eyewitness News reported on the shortage of professors at Morgan State University.

February 7: Eyewitness News reported on a rally at Johns Hopkins University to improve security on campus.

February 8: Eyewitness News reported on First Lady Laura Bush's appearance at a local school to focus on the country's Youth Initiative.

February 8: Eyewitness News reported on the 20% decline in applications to the U.S. Naval Academy.

February 9: Eyewitness News reported on the reassignment of an Anne Arundel County School teacher after parents complained about a sexually charged quiz he gave students.

February 14: Eyewitness News reported on the rowdy University of Maryland fans after the basketball team defeated Duke.

February 15: Eyewitness News reported on a student injured when police shot him in the face with a pepper pellet gun after the University of Maryland melee.

February 17: Eyewitness News reported on the Parkville High School closing after two stink bombs were set off in the building.

February 18: Eyewitness News reported on The University System of Maryland's governing body's plans to study whether its policy against student riots needs to be strengthened in the aftermath of the melee that followed last Saturday's basketball game in College Park.

February 19: Eyewitness News reported on the plans to renovate Baltimore County schools.

February 21: Eyewitness News reported on a fire at Brehms Lane Elementary School.

February 24: Eyewitness News reported on the return to classes of a University of Maryland student who was blinded by a gunshot wound.

March 3: Eyewitness News reported on Mayor O'Malley kicking off the Believe in Our Schools Tour, a series of volunteer cleanup days and concerts at area schools.

March 7: Eyewitness News reported on a student electrocuted at Gardenville Elementary School in East Baltimore.

March 11: Eyewitness News reported on the new SAT test.

March 15: Eyewitness News reported on the University of Maryland meeting with Prince George's County Police about student riots on and off campus.

March 16: Eyewitness News reported on a one-day rally outside Maryland's State Board of Education for additional funding for schools.

March 17: Eyewitness News reported on University of Maryland students who will soon be able to legally download music for free under a university-sponsored pilot program.

March 17: Eyewitness News reported on a Walbrook High School student who fell off the school's roof.

March 18: Eyewitness News reported on 200 college students who were stranded at the airport after buying spring break tickets at studentcity.com.

March 21: Eyewitness News reported on a City Council meeting on the financial situation for Baltimore City schools.

March 21: Eyewitness News reported on the ACLU calling for the Baltimore County school system to back away from punishment imposed against athletes at Dulaney High School for attending a party where dozens of citations for underage drinking were issued.

March 24: Eyewitness News reported on the kickoff of a healthy lunch campaign at city schools.

March 28: Eyewitness News reported on new security cameras at Johns Hopkins University after the second murder of a University student.

ON TIME

February 13: Kai Jackson talks with Baltimore City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke from the 14th district about budget cuts to the Lawrence Paquin School. Two rounds of budget cuts forced the school to cut 58% of their staff. Teachers, daycare, after school programs were cut at this model school that was one of the country's first for pregnant girls. Councilwoman Clarke is holding a hearing to encourage the school board to restore funding to this unique school that serves girls from the 6-12th grades.

March 13: Kai Jackson talks with Joan Marshall about financing your child's college education. She discussed the Maryland Prepaid College Trust that locks in the current tuition costs at Maryland Public Colleges. March 18 is the deadline to apply for this year's program. The state also offers the College Investment Fund as another option to save for college.

March 20: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Carla Hayden, director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library about the role of the library in today's technology based society. She discusses how the library offers more than just a place to check out books. Libraries now have computers for patrons to access the Internet, career counseling workshops, special event and poetry and author readings. She discusses the upcoming Fairy Tale Festival and Borrowers Bash as proof that the library is a happening place.

COMMUNITY

January 1: Eyewitness News reported on the "Run for the Rest," a fundraiser to benefit the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Baltimore.

January 3: Eyewitness News reported on the Tsunami Relief Effort. On the WJZ website, we provided an easy link for people to donate money to reputable organizations.

January 9: Eyewitness News reported on the South Asia Run/Walk Benefit, which raised \$16,000 to benefit the tsunami victims.

January 10: Eyewitness News reported on Catholic Relief Services' Fundraiser for Tsunami victims.

January 12: Eyewitness News interviewed the vice president for Catholic Relief Services who just returned from India's Tsunami-affected area.

January 13: Eyewitness News reported on Baltimore's City Council announcement to start a campaign in conjunction with four relief organizations to help the Tsunami survivors.

January 15: Eyewitness News reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wylie Funeral Home, the first black-owned funeral home in western Baltimore County.

January 15: Eyewitness News reported on Olympic winner Michael Phelps getting honored at the Harford County Boys & Girls Club in Aberdeen.

February 1: Eyewitness News reported on the 14th Annual Black History Oratory Contest, which WJZ is sponsoring as part of its Community Commitment Campaign.

February 5: Eyewitness News reported on Mayor O'Malley kicking off Black History Month.

ON TIME

January 9: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the World Relief and American Red Cross about disaster relief aid to the Tsunami-ravaged regions in the Indian Ocean. They discuss why cash is preferred over material donations of food and clothing and how their efforts will continue for several years.

January 16: Kai Jackson talks with Washington Post Columnist and Author Michelle Singletary about her new book, "Spend Well, Live Rich: How to Get What You Want with the Money You Have." She discusses common sense financial strategies to get more out of life.

February 13: There were many heroes of the civil rights movement, who were children. Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Smithsonian's Discovery Theatre about their new play, "How Old is a Hero? Young People of the Civil Rights Movement". This play tells of the untold story of 3 children who shaped the civil rights movement by their brave actions.

February 20: Kai Jackson talks with Joanna Franklin and Leroy Yegge about problem gambling. They discuss how problem gambling is similar to an alcohol or drug addiction. Leroy Yegge tells Kai how he's been a recovering gambling addict and recounts how his addiction took over his life causing him to lose his family and job. They discuss warning signs of a problem gambler. Both organizations are neutral on the slots issue but maintain the state needs to set aside money to fund treatment programs.

February 27: Kai Jackson talks to Congressman Elijah Cummings about the current status of social security and President Bush's plans to change to 70-year-old retirement program. They discuss the president's idea to take a percentage of taxable income and divert 4% into private accounts. Rep. Cummings states that social security is not in a crisis and is not poised to go broke in the near future.

March 13: Alice Cole and Jim Hamlin join Kai Jackson to discuss the importance of businesses and the community supporting the city's summer youth jobs program. Only a small percentage of the youth who apply for these jobs actually find a job. More funding is needed so that every interested young person has the opportunity to work.

ARTS & CULTURE

January 1: Eyewitness News reported on the city's famous model train show sponsored by the Baltimore Society of Model Engineers.

January 13: Eyewitness News reported on the celebration of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday sponsored by the Baltimore-area Coast Guard Commands, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Columbus Recreation Center.

January 13: Eyewitness News interviewed actress Kate Mulgrew who is in town playing Katharine Hepburn in "Tea at Five" at the Hippodrome Theater.

January 14: Eyewitness News interviewed Morton Tadder about the Beatles Exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society.

January 14: Eyewitness News reported on a Maryland company that is helping decorate the Presidential Inaugural Balls this year.

January 15: Eyewitness News reported on a protest after WHFS radio changed its popular format unexpectedly and fans were angered.

January 16: Eyewitness News featured the Maryland Zoo's "Wonders of Winter" show.

January 17: Eyewitness News reported on the Martin Luther King Jr. parade that featured the city's top leaders walking a route that went through downtown.

January 19: Eyewitness News interviewed local author Mike Easterling about his book, "Hey Coach, Let My Kid Play!"

January 22: Eyewitness News reported on the 2005 Bel Air Chocolate Festival.

January 23: Eyewitness News reported on the Baltimore Boat Show, the area's oldest and largest boat show, as it moves into the Baltimore Convention Center beginning this week.

January 25: Eyewitness News interviewed Gov. Bob Ehrlich and his father about the Polar Bear Plunge that benefits the Maryland Special Olympics.

January 25: Eyewitness News reported on the Hippodrome's Theater one-year anniversary since it reopened after being "dark" for close to 30 years.

January 28: Eyewitness News reported on the water-skiing squirrel, which will be featured in the Baltimore Boat Show.

January 29: Eyewitness News reported on the annual Maryland Polar Bear Plunge for Maryland Special Olympics at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.

February 1: Eyewitness News interviewed Mike Gibbons from the Babe Ruth Museum.

February 2: Eyewitness News interviewed author Jeffrey Kluger about his book, "Splendid Solution."

February 8: Eyewitness News interviewed actress Stefanie Powers who is starring in the "King and I" at the Hippodrome Theater.

February 18: Eyewitness News interviewed local violinist Hilary Hahn.

February 19: Eyewitness News reported on the African American Family Festival at the Walters Art Museum.

February 21: Eyewitness News interviewed NFL player Ray Lewis about opening of his new restaurant.

February 24: Eyewitness News interviewed actor Frank Gorshin who is starring in "Say Goodnight, Gracie" at the Hippodrome Theater.

March 2: Eyewitness News interviewed John Fels, a bartender who is competing in the international bartending championships.

March 9: Eyewitness News interviewed NY Times best-selling romance writer Heather Graham.

March 10: Eyewitness News interviewed guitarist Ken Navarro.

March 11: Eyewitness News reported on the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey Circus coming to town.

March 15: Eyewitness News interviewed author Corey Harris.

March 18: Eyewitness News interviewed George Harrison's sister who is in Baltimore for a Breast Cancer Fundraiser event.

March 19: Eyewitness News reported on the Miss Greater Baltimore 2005 Scholarship Pageant.

March 24: Eyewitness News interviewed author John Feinstein on his book "Last Shot."

March 26: Eyewitness News reported on the start of the Cherry Blossom Festival on the National Mall in Washington DC.

March 29: Eyewitness News interviewed Anne Mannix of the Baltimore Museum of Art about the Cone Sisters Lace Collection on display.

ON TIME

January 2: Rebecca Hoffberger, the founder and director of the American Visionary Art Museum, tells Kai Jackson about the current exhibit, Holy H2O: Fluid Universe, and how water is important in art & culture as well as in science and nature.

January 16: Kateri Harried from the Baltimore Museum of Art tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming African Film Festival that the museum will be showing prior to the start of Black History Month activities. They also discuss Free First Thursday and Black History Month Family Day – festivities that are free and include special exhibits and performances.

January 30: The 10th Annual Black Heritage Art Show is happening next weekend and Kai Jackson talks with one of the featured artists and a representative of the non-profit organization. Maurice Bradford is a young artist who has been mentored in the art field by well-respected African-American artists. The art show has expanded in recent years to include all prominent established artists of color as well as the up-and-coming artists.

January 30: Craig Thompson tells Kai Jackson that he wrote a children's book on the "ABC's of Black History" because when he went to find one for his young daughter, none existed. His first book took 5

months to publish and will be the first in a series that introduces youngsters to prominent African Americans from the past as well as from the present.

February 6: When parents Robert and Andrea Wells were looking for coloring and activity books for their young children that reflected their cultural heritage, they couldn't find any. So they developed their own coloring books that highlight their African heritage and the inventions of African Americans.

February 13: Tour de Clay is the country's largest visual arts exhibition that will be held in Baltimore February 18 to April 2. It features almost 900 worldwide and local artists and 160 exhibitions. Jannette Witmyer tells Kai Jackson about the Tour de Clay Afrique that focuses attention on the works of Africans and African American Artists.

February 20: Kai Jackson talks with author Yasmin Shiraz about her debut novel based on the entertainment industry. Prior to writing the book, Ms. Shiraz was the editor in chief of Mad Rhythms Magazine and author of a self-help guide for young teenage girls.

February 27: Kevin Brown who founded the National James Baldwin Literary Society, tells Kai Jackson about two upcoming events to honor the late literary figure. They discuss Baldwin's impact on the African-American writers of today.

March 6: Michael Easterling joins Kai Jackson to talk about his new book aimed at the parents of children who play sports. The book is a do's and don'ts based on the author's experience with two sons who play sports.

March 13: Kai Jackson introduces the top three winners in WJZ's Black History Oratory Contest. Eleventh-grader Carl Hamiel from the Western School of Technology and Environmental Science won 1st place. Jennifer Zamora, a 9th grader from Bel Air High School took 2nd place honors and 12th grader Sarah Sauthoff from Perry Hall High School finished in 3rd place. This contest is part of WJZ's Community Commitment Campaign.

March 20: David Charles is a new up and coming artist who is having an exhibition at a local gallery. He tells Kai Jackson how he became involved in art and how he stayed with his passion even though art school turned him down.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

January – March: WJZ's annual Black History Oratory Contest solicits high school students to write original essays based on quotes by famous African Americans. PSAs featuring news anchor Kai Jackson promote the contest. All high schools and libraries in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties receive contest entry forms. Twenty semi-finalists were selected to memorize their essays and present their orations before an audience and judges at the new Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. Eyewitness News interviewed the winners who received cash prizes. WJZ also produced and aired PSAs featuring portions of the winning orations. Now in its 13th year, the Oratory Contest falls under WJZ's Community Commitment Campaign.

HEALTH

January 5: Eyewitness News reported on the American Red Cross' urgent call for blood donations to prevent a blood shortage.

January 7: Eyewitness News helped promote the American Red Cross blood drive at the Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys.

January 8: Eyewitness News featured a cooking demonstration to promote Heartfest 2005 which is an annual event that benefits the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Prevention Cardiology Center.

January 28: Eyewitness News reported on a new study which found people who fidget are more likely to lose weight.

February 7: Eyewitness News reported on a University of Maryland researcher who identified a way to prevent Type I diabetes in rats that are genetically prone to develop the disease.

February 11: Eyewitness News reported on a researcher at Johns Hopkins who discovered there's enough mouse allergen circulating in the air of a typical urban home to trigger asthma symptoms in children.

February 16: Eyewitness News did a preview of the 2005 National Woman's Heart Day convention in Baltimore. During the all-day convention, women can get a free screening to measure women's cholesterol, blood pressure, body mass index, and waist circumference.

February 22: Eyewitness News reported on a breakthrough study at the Kennedy Krieger Institute to find out if a person with an abnormal walking pattern, such as those who have suffered a stroke or brain damage, can retain a new walking pattern that reverses their gait problem.

February 24: Eyewitness News reported on a Howard County surgeon who's now offering minimally invasive colon cancer surgery. The surgery significantly reduces the amount of time that a patient recovers from the procedure.

March 3: Eyewitness News provided a follow-up story on the formerly conjoined twins who were separated at Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital.

March 8: Eyewitness News reported on a warning that very high doses of cholesterol lowering drugs help people with heart disease avoid strokes and heart attacks. But the drugs increase a person's risk of having liver problems.

March 21: Eyewitness News reported on a program called "Save Our Parents". The program creates awareness about colon cancer and encourages children to talk to their parents about adopting a health lifestyle and being checked annually for colon cancer.

March 29: Eyewitness News reported on a new implantable device monitors fluid build-up in people who have heart failure.

March 31: Eyewitness News reported on a minimally invasive hip replacement surgery offered at Mercy Hospital.

ON TIME

January 2: Kai Jackson talks with a representative from the Nurse Midwives Association about how the rising costs of malpractice insurance is forcing midwives to abandon their practices. Many expectant mothers have to find other providers to deliver their babies. For some midwives, the malpractice rates are one-third of their salary. Jenifer Fahey offered Kai Jackson some suggestions on how the governor and legislators can address this problem.

January 2: The American Red Cross needs to collect 1300 pints of blood daily to meet their quota but with the holidays, the number of donors drops. Tracy Laubach from the Red Cross tells Kai Jackson how crucial the need is during this time of the year. Jennifer DeWitt recalls the type and quantity of blood products that she received while recovering from a car accident that left her in a coma for two months.

January 9: Diabetes is a growing problem in the United States. Locally in Baltimore, over 20,000 people have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Kai Jackson talks with a diabetes educator about risk factors and what steps individuals can take to manage this disease. They discuss the importance of "good" carbs including whole wheat vs. white bread, brown rice vs. white rice, etc.

January 30: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Hope Griffin and Todd Langenberg about how heart disease affects women and has become the number 1 killer of women surpassing breast cancer. They discussed symptoms of heart attacks and what can be done through diet and exercise to lower the risks. They mentioned the Wear Red Day on February 4 that draws attention to this problem on a nationwide basis.

February 6: Kai Jackson talks to Dr. Luis Queral, the medical director of the new Vascular Center at Bon Secours about the different types of vascular diseases and how they differ from cardiac diseases. He discusses screening procedures and treatment options.

February 6: Catherine Pugh tells Kai Jackson how heart disease is the number one killer of women. She is part of a national organization called Sister-to-Sister National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair that is offering free blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings in addition to information on diet and exercise. They discussed the warning signs and how women need to take care of their heart health.

March 6: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Bayinnah Shabazz and David Seifert about Kidney Disease, the symptoms, treatment options, etc. They discuss how other factors – being overweight, having high blood pressure – affect the kidneys.

March 6: The Garland Appeal is a worldwide breast cancer organization that is bringing a documentary on the lives of 3 breast cancer patients to Johns Hopkins Shriver Hall for a benefit event. Kai Jackson talks to Zohara and Bob Hieronimus about the event that also features Beatles collectibles that will be given away as part of the fundraiser. Sir Paul McCartney's music is featured in the documentary, "Snow Angels" which was inspired by his late wife Linda.

March 20: Many men are squeamish when it comes to getting their prostate checked. Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Jean Ford and patient Marvin Allen about the need for men to get their prostate check on a regular basis. They discuss the procedures used and at what age men should start the yearly tests. African-American men are more prone to prostate cancer and should start getting screened at age 45.

March 27: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Sandra Brooks from the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center about ovarian cancer known as the silent killer of women. They discuss newly discovered symptoms of the disease and treatment options.

March 27: Dick Gelfman from Ride Across Maryland and Rose Muffoletto from the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center talk with Kai Jackson about breast cancer issues. One out of three newly diagnosed cases of cancer will be for breast cancer. They discuss how important the funds raised from the Ride Across Maryland that benefit Komen Maryland are in the fight to find a cure for this disease.